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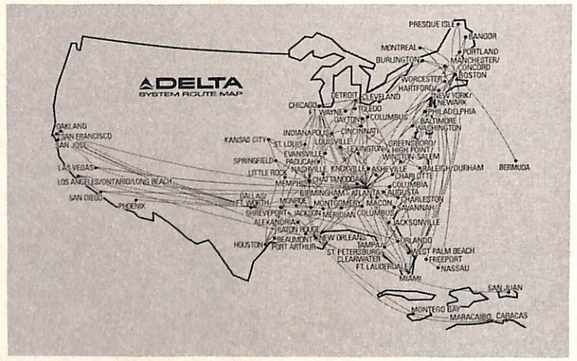

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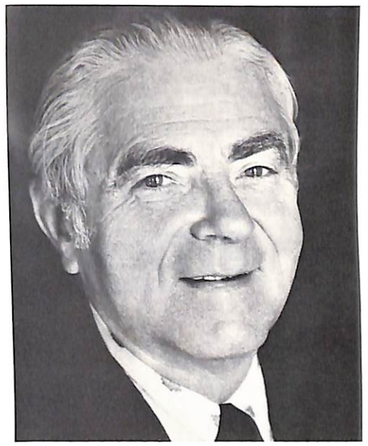

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Mr. Sidney M. Schwartz
Director General - 1977 Imperial
Shrine Session
New York Hilton - Room 950
Avenue of the Americas & West 53rd Street
New York, N. Y. 10019

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

In 1872 13 men gathered in a cottage on 26th Street on the West Side of Manhattan and founded the Shrine.

As Mayor of New York, I now have the honor of welcoming back to the Shrine birthplace, 900 delegates representing one million members and some 60,000 visiting Shriners. Greetings from all our residents as you convene in the Big Apple for the 103rd Annual Imperial Shrine Council Session.

The history of the Shrine has been a tremendous success story. A part of your success may be attributed to your genuine humanitarian concern. For 50 years, the Shriners have sponsored hospitals for crippled children and burn institutes. Today, you support 19 orthopedic institutes, a highly commendable achievement.

Thank you for having selected our great metropolis as the location of your annual convention.

You will find our City a fascinating community filled with glittering attractions as well as warm and friendly people.

My best wishes to all the Shriners on behalf of the City of New York, for a successful, enjoyable and memorable event.

Sincerely,

Abraham D. Beame

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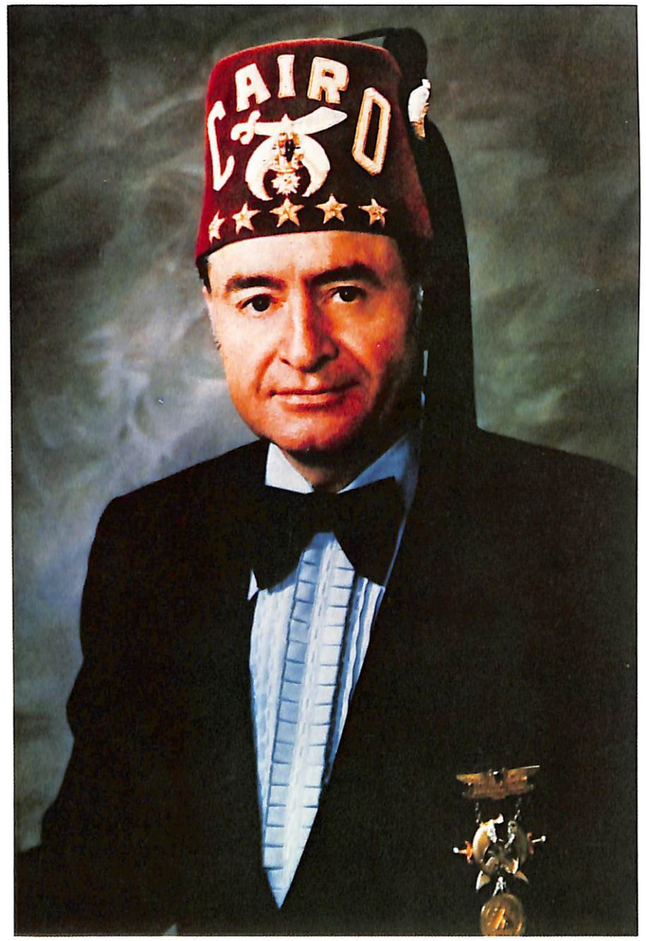
Mayor



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It is appropriate that we gather here again as the Imperial Council enters its second century. We have a proud heritage and a bright future. I am sure that we will have a significant and productive Session and a good time that will be long remembered by all the Nobles and their gracious ladies.

It has been my pleasure to serve this past year as your Imperial Potentate. I would like to thank all of you for your support and assure you that if we all work together the Imperial Council's second century will be as accomplished as its first.

Savor the Big Apple well. Es Selamu Aleikum.

Yours in the Faith,

Peter Val Preda

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Imperial Potentate

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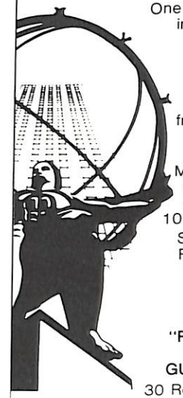

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HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO MY FRIEND OF MANY YEARS,PETER VAL PREDA, IMPERIAL POTENTATE OF THE SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA, ON THE BEGINNING OF THE 103RD IMPERIAL SHRINE COUNCIL SESSION, JULY 3RD THROUGH JULY 8TH 1977, IN NEW YORK CITY. THIS SESSION CONCLUDES PETERS ONE YEAR AS IMPERIAL POTENTATE, AND IT IS A TESTIMONIAL TO HIS CONTRIBUTION OF SERVICE TO THE SHRINE.
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Ill.·.Sidney M. Schwartz
Director General

July, 1977

TO THE NOBILITY AND THEIR FAMILIES:

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the Convention Corporation it is my privilege to welcome you to New York City, the birthplace of Shrinedom.

We are sure that the incomparable facilities of the Big Apple will serve to make your stay during this 103rd Imperial Session a most enjoyable one.

The members of the 1977 Imperial Shrine Council Session Inc. are ready and willing to assist you not only in furthering the purposes of our Organization and its great philanthropy but in making your visit to the Empire City a memorable event.

Sincerely yours in the Faith,

Sidney M. Schwartz

SIDNEY M. SCHWARTZ,
Director General

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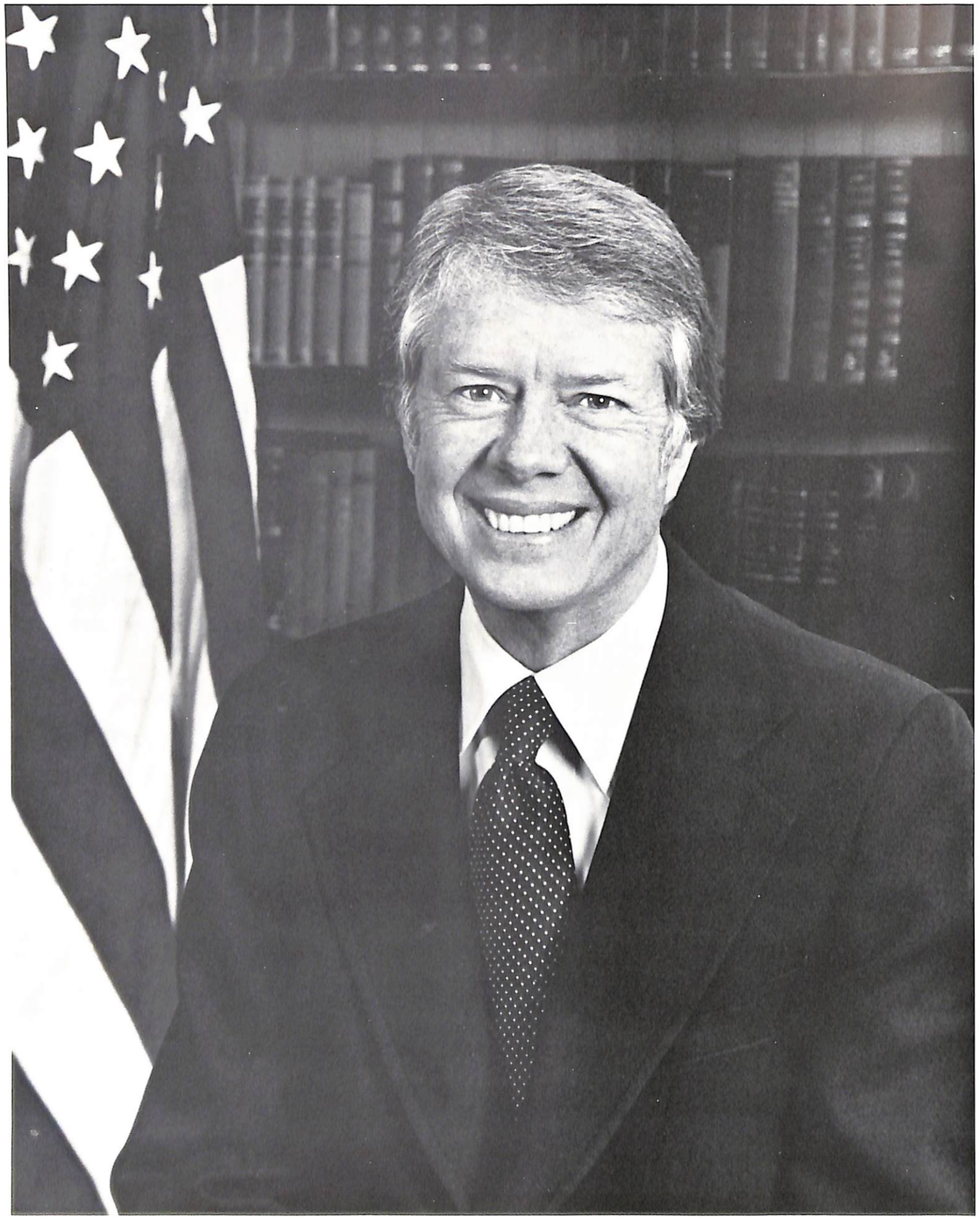

THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 14, 1977

I send warmest greetings to the members of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America as you hold your one hundred and third Imperial Shrine Council Session.

Long decades of humanitarian and civic accomplishment have earned you the respect and gratitude of your fellow citizens. May your good works be further expanded and your high ideals strengthened at this traditional gathering. And may each of you derive continuing satisfaction and self-fulfillment from the fellowship and meaningful public service in which you excel.

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June 5, 1977

Mr. Peter Val Preda
The Imperial Potentate
Shrine of North America
New York Hilton Hotel
53rd and Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Val Preda:

To the Shriners attending the 103rd Imperial Shrine Session: Greetings! I hope your visit to New York City is most enjoyable.

It is always a pleasure to recognize the Shriners, a fraternal organization that is committed to service. Your generous gifts of time and money have helped many in need, and your outstanding hospitals for crippled children and the burnerd deserve special praise.

Your good works are an example for others--keep it up!

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Moynihan

Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Senate

HUGH L. CAREY
GOVERNOR STATE of NEW YORK

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

HUGH L. CAREY
GOVERNOR

June 9, 1977

Dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the Imperial Shrine Council Session to New York City for your annual meeting. I know the facilities of our Queen City will provide comfort, convenience and efficiency for your meetings, and the attractions of New York will add greatly to your pleasure during your free moments.

My best wishes to you for a pleasant and successful conference.

Sincerely,

Hugh L. Carey

Mr. Peter Val Preda
Imperial Potentate
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Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
New York, New York

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June 14, 1977

Mr. Peter Val Preda
Imperial Potentate
A. A. O. N. M. S.
Post Office Box 400
Rutland, Vermont 05701

Dear Peter:

It gives me great pleasure as Governor of Vermont, and particular personal pleasure as an old friend, to congratulate you on having attained the high office of Imperial Potentate of approximately one Million Shriners in North America.

I am sure you will do an excellent job as you strive to carry out the traditions of the Shrine.

Best wishes.

Most sincerely yours,

Richard A. Snelling
Governor

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Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK

Proclamation

ON JULY 3, 1977, 65,000 SHRINERS WILL GATHER IN NEW YORK CITY FOR THEIR 103RD CONVENTION.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, ABRAHAM D. BEAME, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF JULY 3-8, 1977, AS

"IMPERIAL SHRINE COUNCIL WEEK"

IN NEW YORK CITY, AND URGE ALL NEW YORKERS TO EXTEND WARM WELCOME TO THE SHRINERS AS THEY RETURN TO THE BIRTHPLACE OF THEIR ORGANIZATION.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO BE AFFIXED.

Abraham D Beame

MAYOR, THE CITY OF NEW YORK

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

JAMES MERRILL JEFFORDS
VERMONT

June 9, 1977

Dear Mr. Schwartz,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my highest regards for a close friend and long time acquaintance, Pete Val Preda. As a native of Rutland, Vermont, Pete has always possessed the necessary leadership capabilities to become the outstanding individual that he is.

I was extremely pleased of his election as Imperial Potentate, the choice could not have been better. His successes reflect well on our community and we are justly proud of him.

As a matter of fact, I owe my first success in the political arena to a decision made by Pete several years ago. As a young attorney aspiring for political office, I was interested in running for a seat in the State Senate. I also knew that Pete was interested and would have won overwhelmingly had he decided to run. His decision not to provided me with my first try and success for political office.

Icould go on with many other instances, where Pete has demonstrated the qualities that make a person great.

I am very happy that I could in some small way have an opportunity to express my feelings and support for someone the caliber of Peter Val Preda.

Sincerely,

Jim

James M. Jeffords

LEWIS A. SALANDER
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June 8, 1977

Mr. Sidney M. Schwartz
Director General
Imperial Council Session
Hilton Hotel - Room 950
Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10019

Dear Noble:

As a member of the nobility and as Mayor of Rutland, and in behalf of all of our citizens, it is a distinct pleasure for me to express to you our highest esteem of Peter ValPreda.

We were all elated by his elevation as the Imperial Potentate for North America. It couldn't happen to a "nicer guy'.

His election to this high office couldn't be in better hands as he is perfectly equipped.

His character is superb, his demeanor and business-life in Rutland is second to none. He is without question one of Rutland's outstanding citizens, taking part in its many community projects.

Pete is a gentleman amongst gentlemen.

I have known Peter for many years and have always found him interested and attentive to people in all walks of life and I don't know anyone who doesn't like Pete, in or out of Masonry.

May I add that our "home-town boy" really made it and we are all as pleased as punch.

My kindest regards to all assembled.

Sincerely yours in the Faith

Gilbert G Godnick

Gilbert G. Godnick
Mayor

1977 IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION
Agenda

SUNDAY, JULY 3rd, 1977

8:00 A.M. RECORDERS MEETING - Georgian Foyer, Americana Hotel

9:00 A.M. RECORDERS REGISTRATION - Georgian Foyer, Americana Hotel

9:00 A.M. ORIENTAL BANDS - Registration of Voting Delegates - Madison Rooms - Roosevelt Hotel

10:00 A.M. "YACHT CLUB JAMBOREE" - sail boats representing Yacht Clubs of the Tri-state Area will participate in Harbor Sail Festival - *this Festival will be reviewed by the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Peter Val Preda and Mayor Abraham Beame,* Mayor of the City of New York - *Imperial Sir Peter Val Preda and Mayor Beame will review the floats from the fantail of the square-rigged ship Peking, which is permanently docked at the South Street Seaport.*

12 Noon RECORDERS LUNCHEON - Royal Ballroom, Americana Hotel

1:00 P.M. HORSE PATROL - Hospitality Room till 5:00 P.M. - Plaza Hotel

CLOWN MINI MART - **MEMBERS ONLY** - till 5:00 P.M. - Mezzanine Floor - Roosevelt Hotel

CLOWN ASSOCIATION - Registration - Mezzanine Floor - Roosevelt Hotel

2:00 P.M. RECORDERS BUSINESS SESSION - Americana Hotel

4:00 P.M. IMPERIAL CHURCH SERVICES - The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, 5th Avenue at 55th Street

3:30 Assemble in Regent Room leave at 3:45 for Church Services.

6:30 P.M. RECORDERS RECEPTION - Royal Ballrooms A & B - Americana Hotel

8:00 P.M. RECORDERS BANQUET - Imperial Ballrooms A & B - Americana Hotel
Doors open at 7:30 P.M.

7:00 P.M. DRUM CORPS - Unit Captain's Meeting - Taft Hotel

CLOWN ASSOCIATION - Hospitality Room - Roosevelt Hotel - July 3rd - July 7th

7:30 P.M. HORSE PATROLS - Hospitality Room till 11:30 P.M. - Plaza Hotel

MONDAY, JULY 4, 1977

9:45 A.M. Assembly begins for Parade

10:30 A.M. DAY PARADE - Central Park West, Broadway and Times Square

DAY PARADE COMPETITIONS

BANDMASTERS AND BANDSMEN ASSOCIATION

SHRINE PATROL ASSOCIATION - Day Parade Judging

ORIENTAL BANDS

9:00 A.M. ORIENTAL BANDS - Registration of Voting Delegates - Roosevelt Hotel

9:33 A.M. JESTERS ANNUAL MEETING - Grand Ballroom, Waldorf Astoria

1:00 P.M. HORSE PATROL - Hospitality Room till 5:00 P.M. - Plaza Hotel

3:00 P.M. CLOWN MINI MART - **MEMBERS ONLY** - till 6 P.M. - Mezzanine floor - Roosevelt Hotel

CLOWN ASSOCIATION - Registration - Mezzanine Floor - Roosevelt Hotel

6:33 P.M. JESTERS COCKTAIL HOUR - Grand Ballroom - Waldorf Astoria

7:33 P.M. JESTERS BANQUET - Grand Ballroom - Waldorf Astoria

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7:30 P.M. HORSE PATROLS - Hospitality Room till 11:30 P.M. - Plaza Hotel

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8:00 A.M.	SHRINE DRUM CORPS - PRACTICE - 8:00 A.M. COMPETITION - 1:00 P.M. - Grand Ballroom, American Hotel
9:00 A.M.	A.S.O.B. COMPETITION - Grand Ballroom, Roosevelt Hotel
ALL DAY	BANDMASTERS AND BANDSMEN ASSOCIATION - COMPETITION - Grand Ballroom, Waldorf Astoria Hotel
10:00 A.M.	HORSE PATROL - Drawing for position in Drill Competition All troop heads should be present - Yonkers Raceway COMPETION - 1:00 P.M. - Yonkers Raceway

7:30 A.M.	RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE'S BREAKFAST - Mercury Ballroom, New York Hilton
9:00 A.M.	IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION PUBLIC OPENING - (Ladies & Guests invited) - Grand Ballroom, New York Hilton
10:00 A.M.	IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION OFFICIAL OPENING - IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION - Grand Ballroom - New York Hilton
9:00 A.M.	HORSE PATROL - Coffee Hour - Yonkers Raceway A.S.O.B. - Registration - Roosevelt Hotel SHRINE MOTOR CORPS - Captain's Meeting - Americana Hotel
11:00 A.M.	S.P.A.N.A. - Captains & Judges Meeting - Essex House Hotel
12:00 Noon	CLOWN ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON - Terrace Room - Roosevelt Hotel CLOWN MINI MART - **MEMBERS ONLY** - till 6 P.M. - Mezzanine Floor - Roosevelt Hotel CLOWN ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION - Mezzanine Floor - Roosevelt Hotel
1:00 P.M.	INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION SHRINE YACHT CLUBS - Hospitality Room - Nobel Ed O. Stillie's Room - until 5 P.M. - New York Hilton Hotel
2:00 P.M.	CLOWN ASSOCIATION - Make-up Seminar until 5:00 P.M. - Terrace Room - Roosevelt Hotel
2 - 5 P.M.	TEA - Daughters of Nile Room 524 - New York Hilton
6:30 P.M.	IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S RECEPTION - Grand Ballroom, New York Hilton
7:30 P.M.	IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S BANQUET - Grand Ballroom - New York Hilton
7:30 P.M.	HORSE PATROL - Hospitality Room till 11:30 P.M. - Plaza Hotel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6th, 1977

COMPETITIONS

8:00 A.M.	MOTOR CORPS - Meadowlands Sports Complex - New Jersey
9:00 A.M.	CLOWN-A-RAMA - Competition - till 2:00 P.M. - Grand Ballroom - Statler Hitlon Hotel
1:00 P.M.	SHRINE PATROL ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA - International Drill Competition - Grand Ballroom - Americana Hotel
3:00 P.M.	CHANTERS ASSOCIATION - Competition till 6:00 P.M. - Music Room - Biltmore Hotel

7:30 A.M.	CABIRI BREAKFAST - Trianon Ballroom, New York Hilton
9:00 A.M.	IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION & ELECTION OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE Grand Ballroom, New York Hilton
9:15 A.M.	INCOMING IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S PAGEANT - (Ladies & Guests Invited) Grand Ballroom, New York Hilton
9:00 A.M.	HORSE PATROL BREAKFAST - Yonkers Raceway *(Men Only)*
9:30 A.M.	BANDMASTERS AND BANDSMEN - Business Meeting - 14th Street Armory - 125 West 14th Street DRUM CORPS ANNUAL MEETING - Taft Hotel
10:30 A.M.	INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION SHRINE YACHT CLUBS Meeting Sutton Ballroom South, New York Hilton
11:00 A.M.	IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION RESUMES - Grand Ballroom - New York Hilton BANDMASTERS AND BANDSMEN - Social Hour - 14th Street Armory - 125 West 14th Street
12:00 Noon	BANDMASTERS AND BANDSMEN - Luncheon - 14th Street Armory - 125 West 14th Street IMPERIAL POTENTATE ELECT LADIES LUNCHEON - Le Petit Trianon - New York Hilton
1:00 P.M.	HORSE PATROL - Hospitality Room till 5:00 P.M. - Plaza Hotel
2:00 P.M.	CLOWN MINI MART - **MEMBERS ONLY** - till 5 P.M. - Mezzanine Floor - Roosevelt Hotel CLOWN ASSOCIATION - Registration - Mezzanine Floor - Roosevelt Hotel
6:00 P.M.	CHANTERS ASSOCIATION RECEPTION - Fountain Court till 7 P.M. Biltmore Hotel
6:30 P.M.	CLOWN ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND INSTALLATION BANQUET - Reception - 6:30 P.M. - Banquet/Dinner Dance 7:30 P.M. Ballroom - Roosevelt Hotel
7:00 P.M.	CHANTERS ASSOCIATION DINNER & CHANTERAMA - Grand Ballroom Biltmore Hotel - till 12 midnight

THURSDAY, JULY 7th, 1977

7:00 A.M. CHANTERS ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST & BUSINESS MEETING
Bowman Room - Biltmore Hotel

TEXAS BREAKFAST - MERCURY BALLROOM, New York Hilton

8:30 A.M. S.P.A.N.A. BREAKFAST & MEETING - Casino On The Park - Essex House - awarding of trophies and annual election

9:00 A.M. *IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION RESUMES*

9:00 A.M. CLOWN MINI MART - **MEMBERS ONLY** - till 4 P.M. -
Mezzanine Floor - Roosevelt Hotel

HORSE PATROLS BREAKFAST FOR ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AMBASSADORS, COMMITTEE HEADS AND TROOP HEADS -
Crystal Room - Plaza Hotel - THE WINNING DRILL TEAM IS GUEST

MOTOR CORPS ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS -
Royal Ballroom A - Americana Hotel

11:00 A.M. MOTOR CORPS SOCIAL PERIOD - Imperial Ballroom B - Americana Hotel

11:45 A.M. MOTOR CORPS AWARDS LUNCHEON - Imperial Ballroom A - Americana Hotel

12:00 Noon REPRESENTATIVES LADIES LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW -
Grand Ballroom - Waldorf Astoria Hotel

6:00 P.M. NIGHT PARADE - Same Route as Day Parade

FRIDAY - JULY 8th, 1977

9:00 A.M. IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION - Grand Ballroom, New York Hilton

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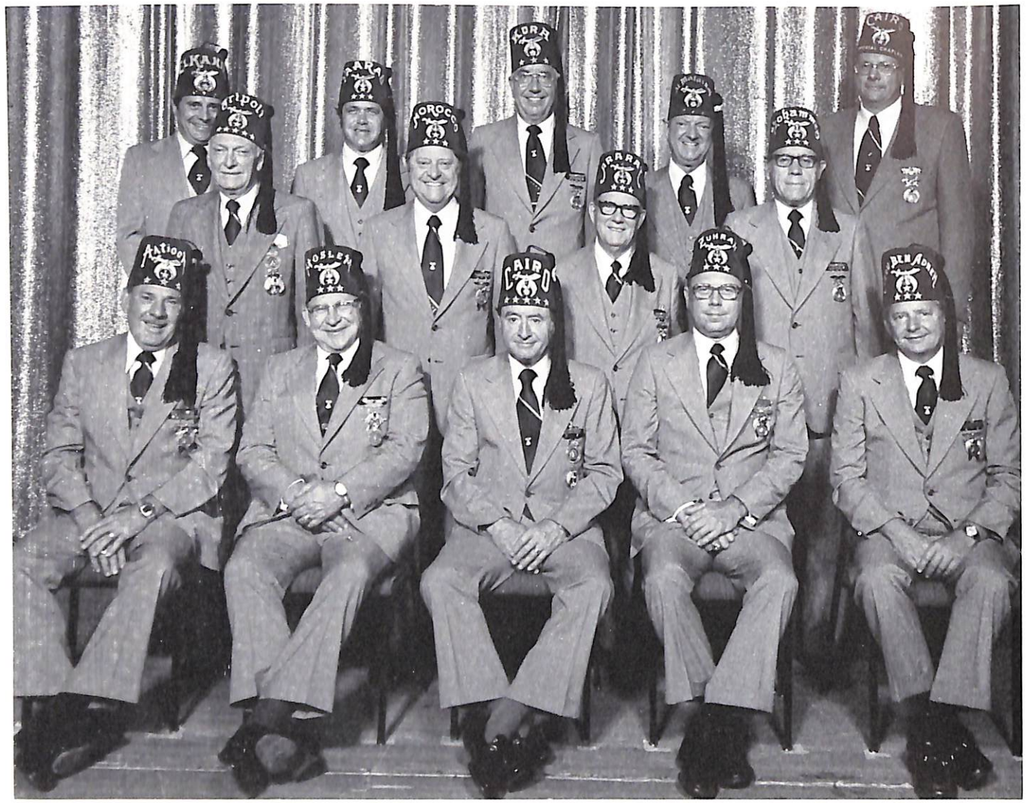

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1976 – 1977

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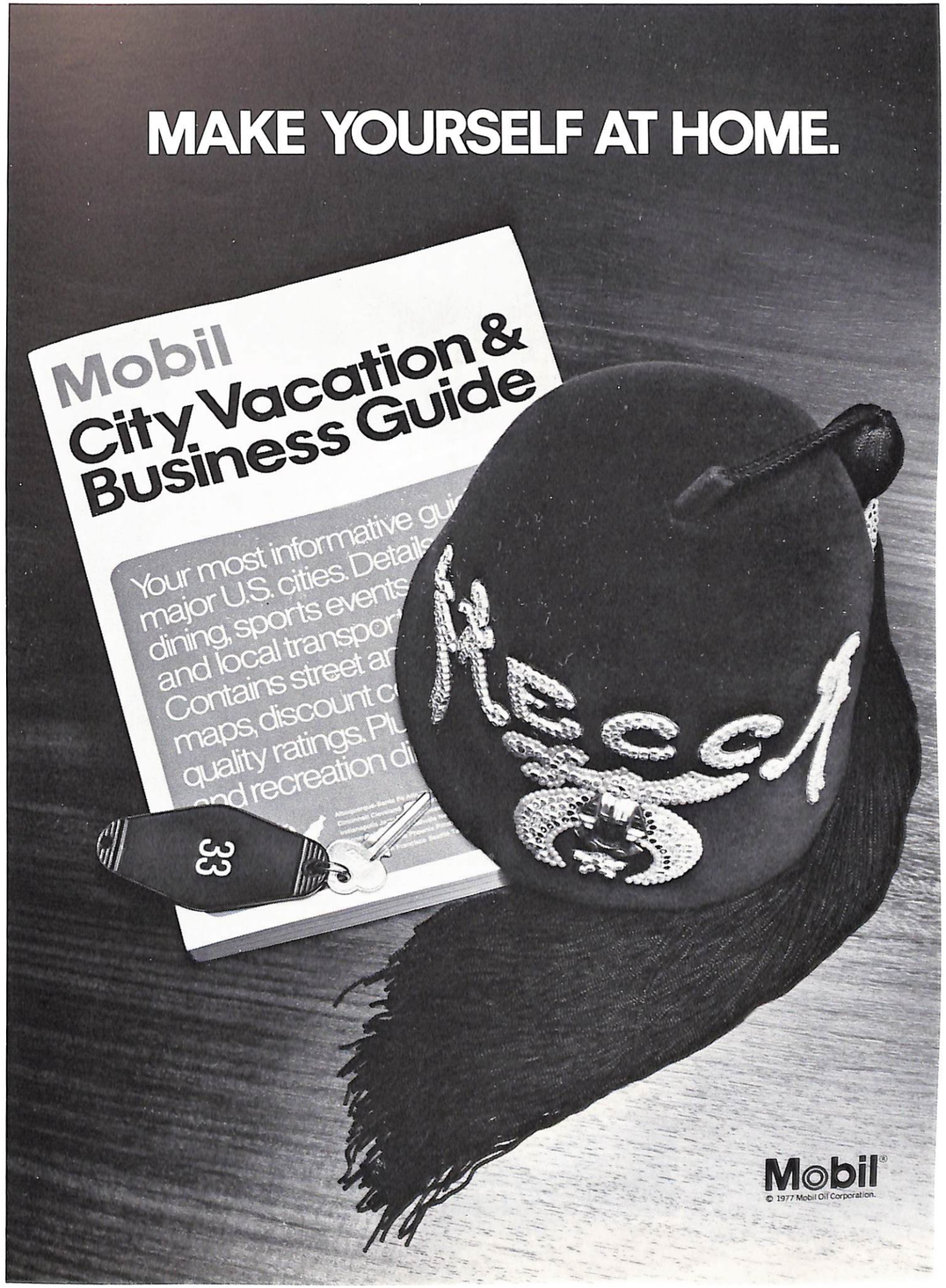
Second Row (left to right): Thomas W. Melham *(Imperial Treasurer),* Randolph R. Thomas *(Imperial Oriental Guide),* George M. Saunders *(Imperial Recorder),* and Daniel E. Bowers, M.D. *(Imperial First Ceremonial Master).*

Back Row (left to right): Russel H. Anthony, DVM *(Imperial Outer Guard),* Gene Bracewell *(Imperial Marshal),* Richard B. Olfene *(Imperial Second Ceremonial Master),* Walker S. Kisselburgh *(Imperial Captain of the Guard),* and Rev. David J. Dean *(Imperial Chaplain).*



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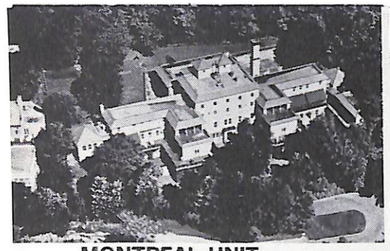
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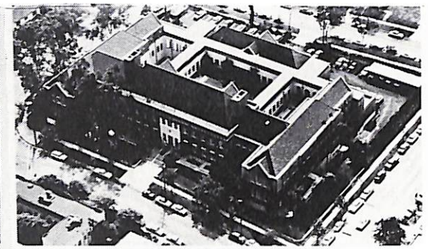
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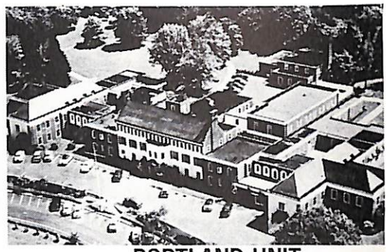
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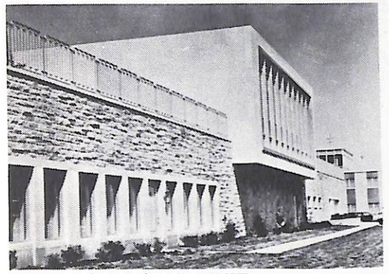
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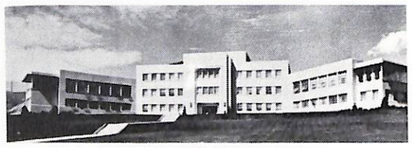
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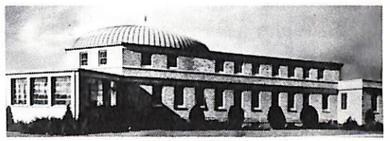
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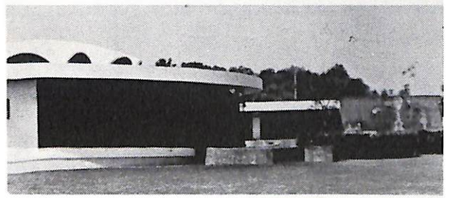
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(Facts and figures through December, 1976)

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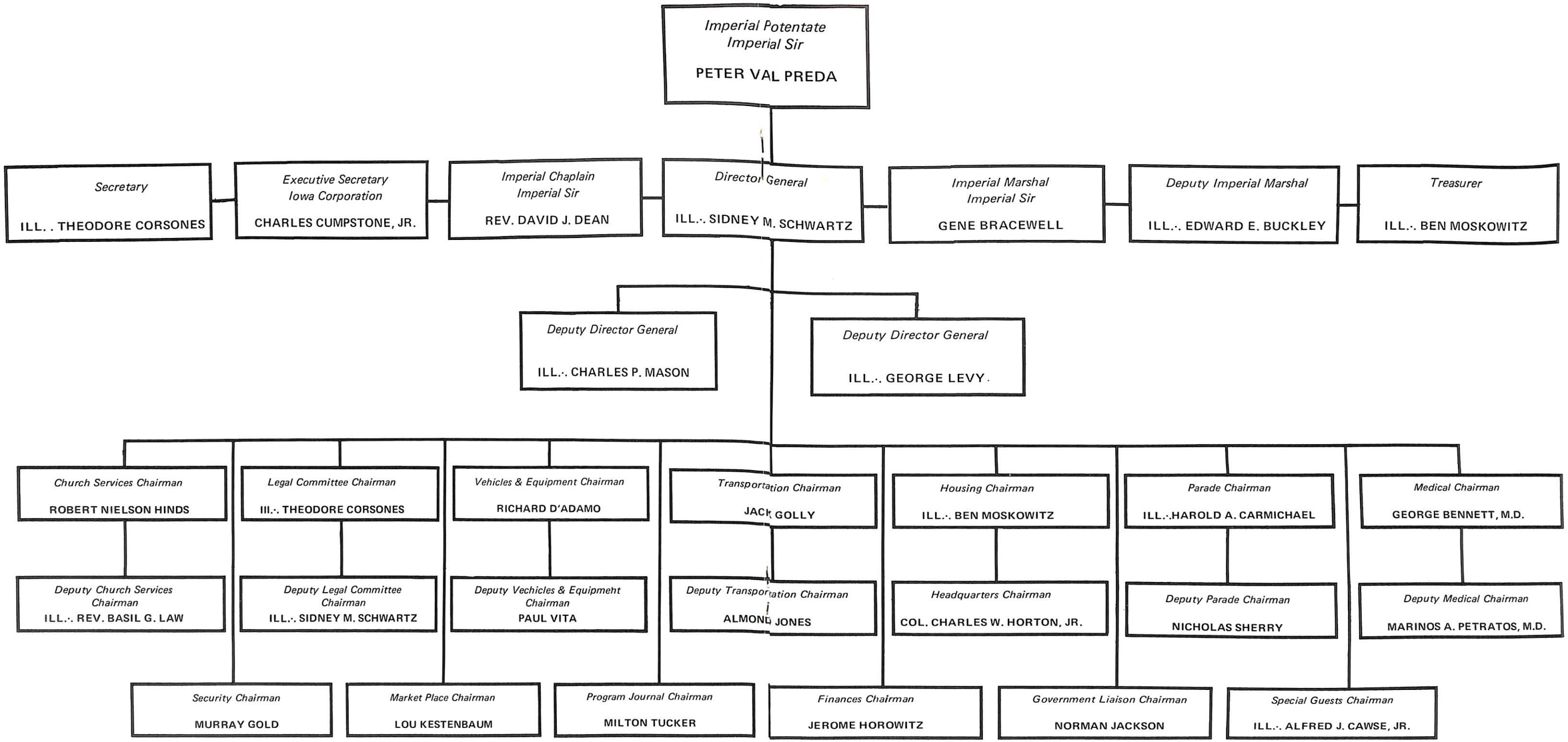

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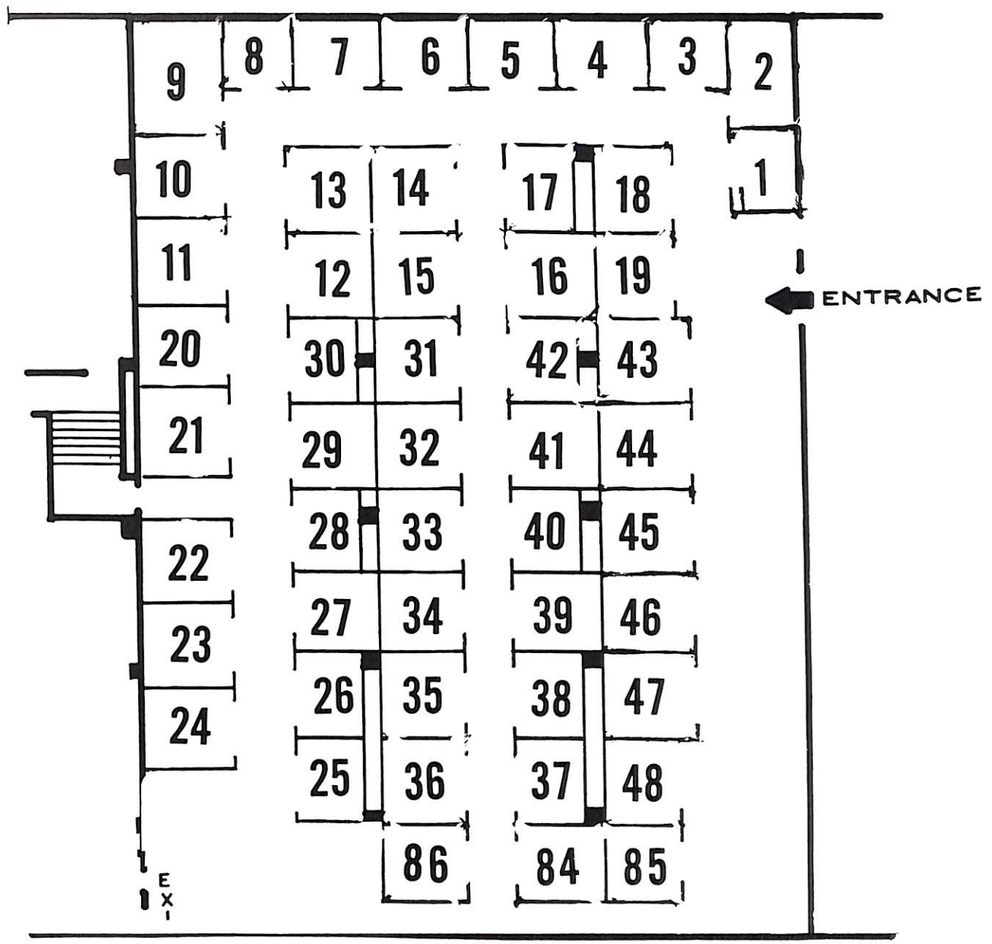
HOURS: 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.



1977 IMPERIAL SHRINE COUNCIL SESSION

JULY 3 - JULY 8, 1977

NEW YORK HILTON

MARKET PLACE EXHIBITORS

Marketplace - Rhinelander Gallery, New York Hilton Hotel, 2nd Floor, July 3rd through July 8th
HOURS: OPEN 9:00 A.M. – CLOSE 9:00 P.M. – MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

BOOTH (S) #	EXHIBITOR	MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE
1, 2, 3	HARRY M. OSERS COMPANY Mr. Harry Oser	Shrine Jewelry, Accessories, Fezzes
4	TRANS NATIONAL TRAVEL Mr. Alan E. Lewis	Proposals of programs, posters, etc.
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6	ARTHURS TRAVEL Mr. Chas. M. Pierro	Travel Programs
7	KLEERGUARD INC. Mr. Robert Ross	Kleerguard Cleaner and Defogger
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11	PYRAMID TEMPLE Mr. Bruce A. Dehlin	Cookbook
12	PRUDEAU BAY SHRINE CLUB Mr. Flygenring	Membership Artic Bay Golf Club
13	MISS MOD FASHION JEWELRY Mr. Jules Steinberg	Jewelry
14	HARRIS ENTERPRISES Mr. J. Warren	Kazoo's & Novelty Items
15	CARDEN JOHNSON - CLYDE BROS. CIRCUS - Mr. Larry C. Carden	Circus Material
16	IHLING BROS. WVERARD CO. Mr. Terry T. Squires	Shrine Uniforms
17, 18, 19	HARRY KLITZNER COMPANY Mr. Justin L. Benharris	Enblematic Jewelry and Awards
20	GATTI CHARLES PRODUCTIONS Ms. Patricia Gatti	Circus Material
21	CINCINNATI REGALIA, INC. Mr. Henry T. Vittetoe	Fraternal Jewelry, Fezzes, and regalia
22	KINTETSU INTERNATIONAL Mr. Y. Hattoi	Proposals of Programs, Tour Information
23	ANDERSON JEWELRY Mr. Bob Anderson	Jewelry

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31	DAN RICHMAN JEWELERS Mr. Dan Richman	Jewelry
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38	ORDER OF DE MOLAY Mr. Jerry Horowitz	Journals, etc.
39	CARNIVAL VACATIONS INC. Mr. Jason Crosby	Tours, brochures, etc.
40	GARDEN BROTHERS CIRCUS Mr. Ian M. Garden	Circus material

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47	TRAVEL GO ROUND INC. Mr. William R. Lauren	Tour & Travel Programs
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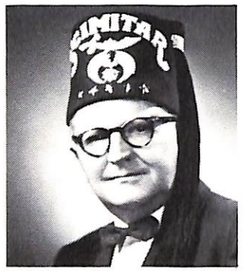

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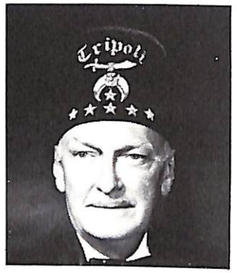
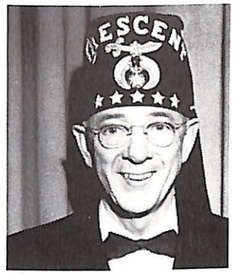
SCIMITAR
1955-1956



THOMAS W. MELHAM
TRIPOLI
1957-1958



GEORGE E.
STRINGFELLOW
CRESCENT
1958-1959

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1963-1964

O. CARLYLE BROCK
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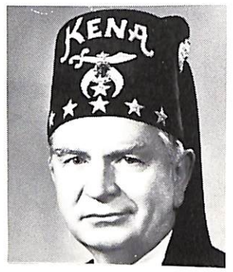
1964-1965



ORVILLE F. RUSH
KENA
1966-1967

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MOSLAH
1971-1972

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SALAAM
1973-1974

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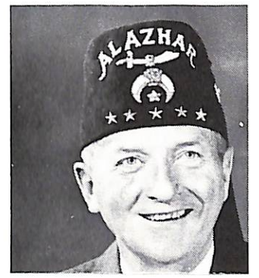
GEORGE A.
MATTISON, JR.
ZAMORA
1960-1961



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AL AZHAR
1961-1962

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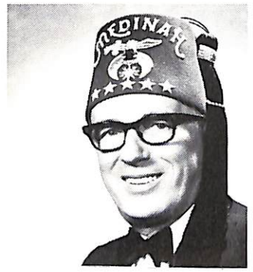
AL CHYMIA
1962-1963



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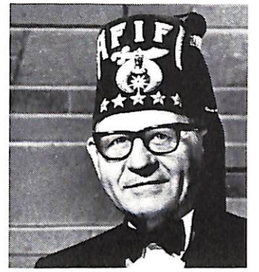
MEDINAH
1967-1968



CHESTER A. HOGAN
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1968-1969

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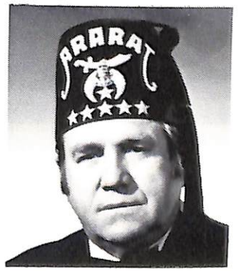

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ARARAT
1975-1976

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PETER VAL PREDA and CHARLOTTE

BIOGRAPHY

Imperial Potentate Peter Val Preda was born in West Virginia in 1917. While still an infant, his parents moved to Vermont and settled into a lifetime of farming. Peter was one of three children.

At the age of 17, Peter enlisted in the United States Navy. His tour of duty brought him to South America, Europe and Asia. At the completion of his enlistment, World War II had already begun in Europe. Peter returned home only long enough to enlist in the United States Army Air Force. Following his graduation from flight school, Lt. Val Preda married the former Charlotte Barlow. His aviation assignment took him to England where he became a flight captain of a B 24 making regular bombing runs into Nazi Germany. On June 24, 1944, his bomber was shot down and his crew and he bailed out into the North Sea. The final year of the war was spent as a prisoner of war.

On return to civilian life, Imperial Sir Peter started an automobile agency in Rutland, Vermont, and, shortly thereafter, a second agency in Burlington, Vermont. In 1959 he was elected president of the Vermont Automobile Dealers Association. Six years later the National Automobile Dealers Association elected him president.

Imperial Sir Peter has always retained a strong civic interest and spirit. He has served as chairman of the Vermont State Small Business Administration and Vermont Aeronautics Board. In 1976, he was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Vermont National Bank.

Imperial Sir Peter and Lady Charlotte are the parents of two children, Diana and Peter, Jr., and have two grandchildren.

Imperial Sir Peter has never lost his interest in aviation. Today, he flys his own twin engine Cessna airplane to many Shrine functions throughout the country.

MASONIC RECORD

F & A M	Rutland Lodge No. 79
Scottish Rite Bodies	Vermont
	Received 33° in 1974
	Royal Order of Scotland in 1974
York Rite Bodies	Vermont
	Elected Red Cross of Constantine in 1970
A.A.O.N.M.S.	Cairo Temple, Rutland, Vermont
	Elected Potentate in 1964
	Royal Order of Jesters
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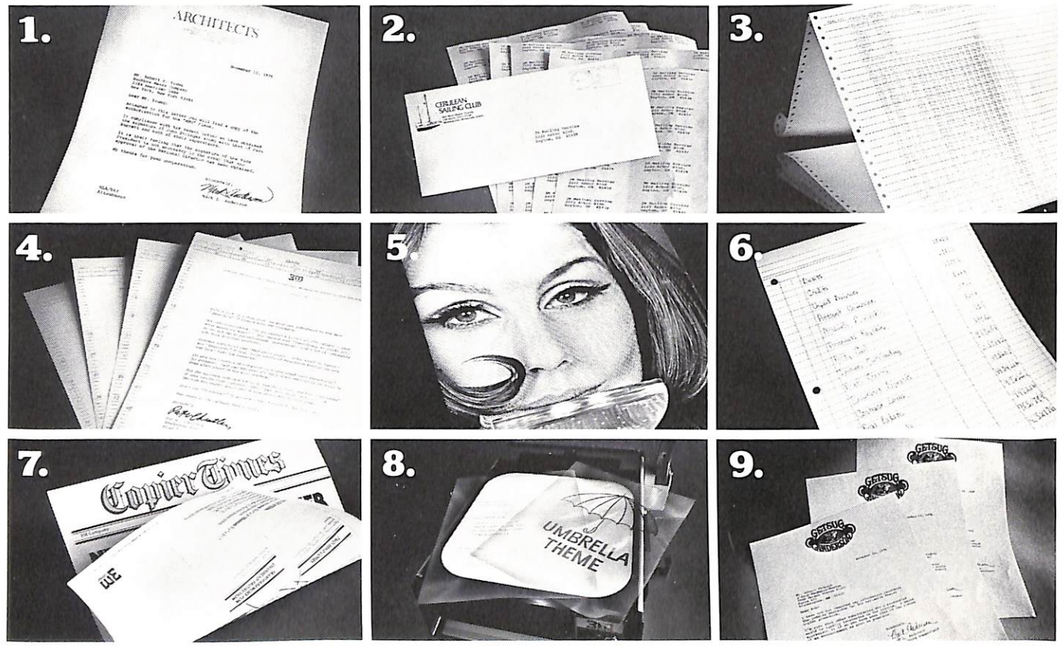

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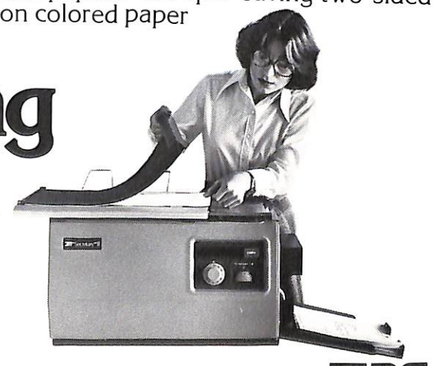

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COMPETITION
Monday, July 4th — Day Parade
Tuesday, July 5th — All Day - Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND LUNCHEON
Wednesday, July 6th
14th Street Armory - 125 West 14th Street
Business Meeting — 9:30 A.M.
Social Hour — 11:00 A.M.
Luncheon — 12 Noon

SHRINE CHANTERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA — Biltmore Hotel

COMPETITION
Wednesday, July 6, 1977, Music Room — 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM — 300 persons

RECEPTION
Wednesday, July 6, 1977, Fountain Court — 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM — 300 persons

DINNER & CHANTERAMA
Wednesday, July 6, 1977, Grand Ballroom — 7:00 PM - 12 Mid. — 300 persons

BUSINESS MEETING & BREAKFAST
Thursday, July 7, 1977, Bowman Room — 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM — 160 persons

SHRINE CLOWN ASSOCIATION — Hotel Roosevelt

REGISTRATION
Mezzanine Floor - Same times as Clown Mini-Mart

CLOWN MINI-MART
Mezzanine Floor - Clown related items only. OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY:
Sunday - 1 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Monday - 3 P.M. to 6 P.M.
Tuesday - Noon to 6 P.M.
Wednesday - 2 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Thursday - 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

HOSPITALITY ROOM — July 3rd — July 7th

BUSINESS MEETING — Tuesday, July 5th - 9 A.M. - Terrace Room

LUNCHEON — Tuesday, July 5th - 12 Noon - Terrace Room

MAKE UP SEMINAR — Tuesday, July 5th - 2 to 5 P.M. - Terrace Room

CLOWN—A—RAMA — COMPETITION
Wednesday, July 6th, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. - Grand Ballroom **Statler Hilton Hotel**

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AWARDS AND INSTALLATION BANQUET
Wednesday, July 6th
Reception — 6:30 P.M. — Grand Ballroom
Banquet/Dinner Dance - 7:30 P.M. - Grand Ballroom

PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST
Thursday, July 7th - Terrace Room

ASSOCIATION OF SHRINE DRUM CORPS OF NORTH AMERICA

HEADQUARTERS - Taft Hotel

UNIT CAPTAIN'S MEETING
Sunday, July 3rd, 1977 - 7:00 P.M.

COMPETITION
Tuesday, July 5th, 1977 - 1:00 P.M. — Grand Ballroom - Americana Hotel
PRACTICE - Tuesday, July 5th, 1977 - 8:00 A.M. — Grand Ballroom - Americana Hotel

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Wednesday, July 6th, 1977 - 9:30 A.M. — Taft Hotel

INTER-NATIONAL SHRINE HORSE PATROLS

SUNDAY, JULY 3rd, 1977 - Hotel Check-In.
Hospitality Room, Plaza Hotel:
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 4th, 1977 - Morning Parade
Escorts provided for trailers from Yonkers Raceway to and from Parade.

Hospitality Room, Plaza Hotel:
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 5th, 1977 - Coffee Hour
9:00 a.m. at Yonkers Raceway.
10:00 a.m. Drawing for position in Drill Competition. All Troop Heads should be present.

Drill Competition
1:00 p.m. Yonkers Raceway

Hospitality Room, Plaza Hotel:
7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6th, 1977 - Breakfast
9:00 a.m. at Yonkers Raceway *(men only)*

Annual Business Meeting
10:00 a.m. at Yonkers Raceway

Annual Awards Banquet *(White Coats or Uniforms)*
At Grand Ballroom, Plaza Hotel - Cocktails 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Dinner at 8:00 p.m. sharp. — Cost $22.50 per person.

Hospitality Room, Plaza Hotel:
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THURSDAY, JULY 7th, 1977 - Breakfast
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Tuesday, July 5th, 1977 - 9:00 A.M. — Capt. Meeting — Americana

Wednesday, July 6th, 1977 - 8:00 A.M. — Meadowlands Sports Complex - N.J. Drill Competition

Thursday, July 7th, 1977 **8:30 A.M.** — Americana Sweet Rolls & Coffee
9:00 A.M. — Americana Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Royal Ballroom A
11 A. M. — Americana Social Period - Imperial Ball Room B
11:45 A.M. — Americana Awards Luncheon — Imperial Ballroom A

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REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES — Sunday until Wednesday
9 A.M. - Madison Room

COMPETITION
Day Parade - Monday, July 4th, 1977 - 9:00 A.M.
Tuesday - July 5th, 1977 - Grand Ballroom - 9:00 A.M.

BANQUET
Tuesday, Grand Ballroom
6:30 P.M. - Cocktails
7:30 P.M. - Dinner

ANNUAL MEETING — ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Wednesday, July 6th, 1977 - Oval Room

LUNCHEON
Wednesday- July 6th, 1977 — Terrace Room, 12:30 P.M.

WORKSHOP
Wednesday, July 6th, 1977 — Oval Room, 2:30 P.M.

SHRINE PATROL ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

DAY PARADE JUDGING
Monday, July 4, 1977

CAPTAIN'S & JUDGES MEETING
Tuesday, July 5, 1977 - 11:00 A.M. - Marriot's Essex House

INTERNATIONAL DRILL COMPETITION
Wednesday, July 6, 1977 - 10:00 A.M. - Grand Ballroom American Hotel

ANNUAL SPANA BREAKFAST MEETING
Thursday, July 7, 1977 - 8:30 A.M. - Casino on the Park, Marriot's Essex House,
Awarding of Trophies and Annual Election

SPANA HOSPITALITY ROOM
See Bulletin Board (Consult Mel Grove or Sidney Warren - (212) 247-0300)
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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHRINE YACHT CLUBS

SUNDAY, JULY 3rd, 1977 - 10:00 A.M.
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TUESDAY, JULY 5th, 1977
1:00 P.M. - Hospitality Room - Noble Ed O. Stillie's Room - - until 5 P.M. - New York Hilton Hotel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6th, 1977
10:30 A.M. - Meeting - Sutton Ballroom South - New York Hilton

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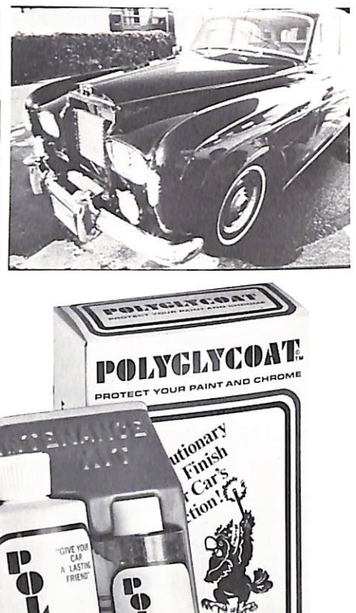

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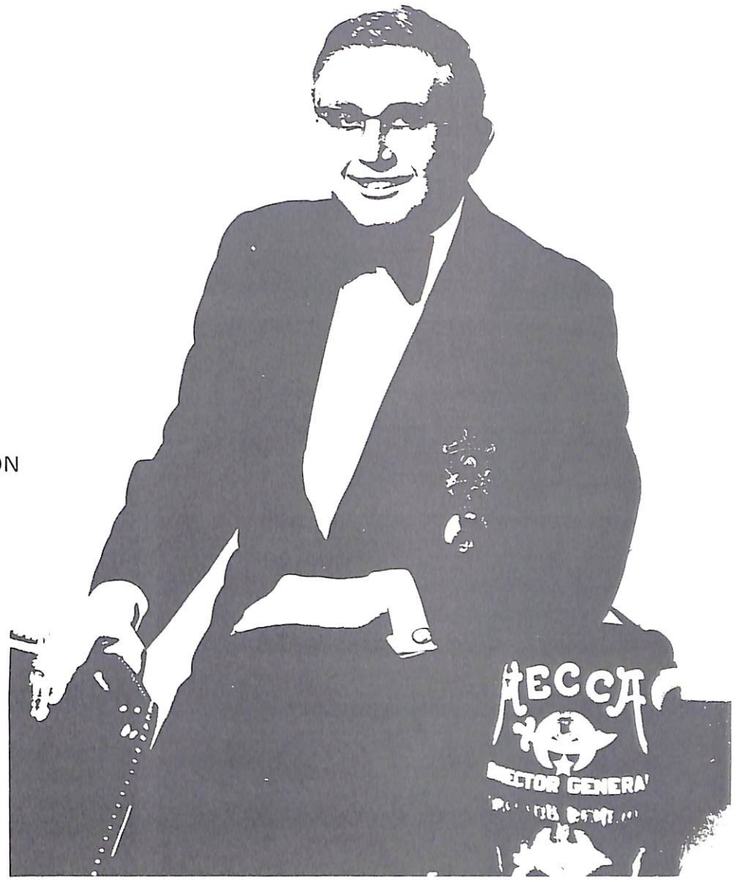

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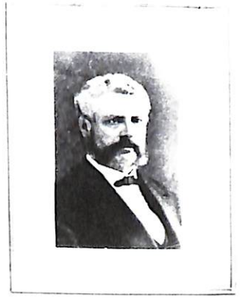

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2. **THE GREAT MUSEUMS.** Pay what you wish is the policy of the Metropolitan (including the Cloisters) and the American Museum of Natural History. Absolutely free or contribution only are the American Indian Museum, the Brooklyn Museum, the Frick Collection, the Museum of the City of New York, the New York Historical Society, the New York Public Library, the Studio Museum (featuring the work of Black artists) in Harlem, and the museums in Queens, Staten Island and The Bronx. The Modern, the Guggenheim and the Whitney charge a moderate fee. Every Tuesday at the Modern, you pay what you wish. Tuesday evenings, the Guggenheim and the Whitney are free. A beguiling museum/shop is the Astro Gallery of Minerals and Gems.

3. **THE PARKS.** See the fabulous monuments scattered through the city's many parks in all five boroughs. The Alice in Wonderland group, and the Delacorte Musical Clock (both in Central Park) are great favorites with young visitors.

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6. **FAMOUS SIGHTS.** Hop a bus or subway down to Battery Park at the tip of lower Manhattan, where you'll have a fine view of the harbor and the Statue of Liberty. Walk up Broadway to beautiful City Hall. In midtown, look up (1,472 feet!) to the top of the Empire State Building, which celebrated its 45th anniversary on May 1, 1976. Further north, you'll find Grant's Tomb; in the Bronx, the Hall of Fame; and in Queens, The Hall of Science.

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8. **EXOTIC NEIGHBORHOODS.** Chinatown, Greenwich Village, SoHo, Yorkville, the Lower East Side, Little Italy, Brooklyn Heights -- see the "small towns" that make up The Big Apple. Lucky you if you're here for one of the street festivals: Chinese New Year (February), La Festa di San Antonio (June), Harlem Day and West Indian Day (Labor Day weekend), La Festa di San Gennaro (September). In the Fulton Fish Market area, drop by the South Street Seaport Museum with its historic old ships.

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11. **PARK CONCERTS AND PLAYS IN SUMMER.** The New York Philharmonic, the Metropolitan Opera, the Shakespeare Festival, the Goldman-Guggenheim Band, the Harlem Cultural Festival and many other "happenings" are featured in the parks of all five boroughs. Watch -- or join! -- the informal fashion parade at Central Park's Bethesda Fountain, where knowing New Yorkers strut the latest styles.

12. **TV SHOWS & DISCOUNT TICKETS.** Free TV tickets offered on a day-to-day, first-come, first-served basis at the Visitors Bureau. Also pick up discount tickets to trade shows and special exhibits. Half-price tickets are sold -- on day of performance only -- at the Theatre Development Fund ticket booth at Broadway & 47th St., and also at 100 William Street.

13. **GARDENS: FORMAL AND NATURAL.** Flora (and fauna) flourish in NYC's cultivated gardens and wildlife preserves. Check the Bureau for locations in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island and The Bronx.

14. **THE ZOOS.** The Bronx Zoo (free on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays), Barrett Park Zoo (Staten Island), Prospect Park Zoo (Brooklyn), Central Park Zoo (Manhattan) and Flushing Meadows Park Zoo (Queens).

15. **RICHMONDTOWN, STATEN ISLAND.** Restoration of an American village. The famous Staten Island ferry (with its superb views of New York's magnificent harbor and the Statue of Liberty) is only 25¢ (RT).

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17. **OUTDOOR ART.** See "Sylvette" (Picasso's colossal outdoor sculpture) in Greenwich Village, Louise Nevelson's monumental "Night Presence IV," Bernard Rosenthal's giant black cube in Astor Place, Isamu Noguchi's giant red cube at the Marine Midland Building (140 Broadway), and Dubffet's "Four Trees" in Chase Manhattan Plaza. The Washington Square-Greenwich Village outdoor art exhibit runs from mid-May to early June and from late August to mid-September (and don't overlook the Brooklyn version, held on the Brooklyn Heights Promenade). In any season, look for the giant "wall murals" and "environmental sculptures" all over town.

18. **FIREWORKS.** In the summer at Coney Island and Rockaway Beach (check times).

19. **WINDOW SHOPPING.** Treasure-hunt along Fifth Ave., Herald Square - 34th, 57th and 59th Streets, and Brooklyn's Fulton Street. Browse the antique shops and swinging boutiques along the upper East Side and down in Greenwich Village. See the bargains on colorful Orchard and Delancey Streets in Manhattan and on Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn.

20. **OFF-BEAT TOURS.** Historic houses, financial and educational institutions -- even ships -- offer free tours if arranged in advance. For details ask the Visitors Bureau, which also offers free calendars of events; maps and guides; listings of hotels, restaurants, shops, sightseeing attractions, exhibits and conventions.

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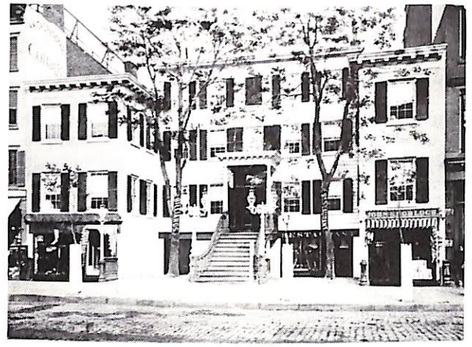
HISTORY OF THE SHRINE

In 1870, several thousand of the 900,000 inhabitants of Manhattan were Masons. Many of these Masons made it a point to have lunch at the Knickerbocker Cottage, a restaurant at 426 Sixth Avenue. At a special table on the second floor, a particularly jovial group of men used to meet regularly.



Knickerbocker Cottage.

The Masons who gathered at this table were noted for their good humor and wit. They often discussed the idea of a new fraternity, for Masons, in which fun and fellowship would be stressed more than ritual. Two of the table regulars, Dr. Walter M. Fleming, M.D. and William J. Florence, actor, took the idea seriously enough to do something about it. While on a European tour, actor Florence had witnessed an impressive arabic ritual entertainment and as he was describing it to Fleming, the two men realized that here they might have the vehicle for a new fraternity.

They and two other table regulars, Charles T. McClenachan, Lawyer, and William Sleigh Paterson, paper merchant, set about making the idea a reality. On September 26, 1872 the first official meeting of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was held in the nearby Masonic Temple. There were 13 original members, with Fleming as the elected leader.

The organization was not an instant success. Four years later, in 1876, there were only 43 Shriners and all but six of them were from New York. But Fleming, as the first Imperial Grand Potentate, or head, of the organization, kept working. Rules for membership and the formation of new Temples (chapters) were established. The initiatory ritual was embellished. By 1878 there were 425 members in 13 Temples. Five of these were in New York but now there were two in Ohio plus Temples in Vermont, Pittsburgh, Connecticut, Iowa, Detroit and Boston.

The Shrine continued to grow during the 1880's and by the time of the 1888 Annual Session (convention) in Toronto, there were 7,210 members in 48 Temples located throughout the United States (with one in Canada).

HISTORY OF THE SHRINE (Continued)

While the organization was still primarily social, instances of philanthropic work became more frequent. During an 1888 Yellow Fever epidemic in Jacksonville, Florida, members of the new Morocco Temple and the Masonic Knights Templar worked long hours to relieve the suffering populace. Again, in 1889, Shriners came to the aid of the victims of the Johnstown Flood. By 1898, there were 50,000 Shriners and more than 90% of the 79 Temples were engaged in some sort of philanthropic work.

By the turn of the century, the Shrine had come into its own. At its 1900 Imperial Session, representatives from 82 Temples marched in a Washington D.C. parade reviewed by President McKinley himself. Shrine membership was now well over 55,00 and growing.

The phenomenon of the Shrine was non-stoppable in the early 1900's. Not only did membership figures zoom but the geographical range of Temples spread. Between 1900 and 1918, eight new Temples were created in Canada; and one each in Honolulu, Mexico City and the Panama Canal Zone. The organization became, in fact, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America.

New flourishes were added to Shriners growing tradition of colorful pageantry. The first Shrine band was formed in 1900. The first Shrine circus is said to have opened in 1906.

During the same period, there was growing member sentiment for the establishment of an official Shrine charity. Most Temples had individual causes and sometimes the Shrine as an organization gave aid. After the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, the Shrine sent $25,000 to help the stricken city and in 1915 the Shrine contributed $10,000 for the relief of European war victims. But neither the individual projects nor the special one-time contributions satisfied the membership.

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In 1919 Freeland Kendrick was the Imperial Potentate-elect of the 363,744-member Shrine organization. He had long been searching for a cause to be supported by the thriving group. In his search he had visited the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Atlanta, Georgia and had been made aware of the over-whelming need of the crippled children of indigent families in North America. At the June 1919 Imperial Session, Kendrick proposed establishing "The Mystic Shriners' Peace Memorial for Friendless, Orphaned and Crippled Children." His resolution never came to a vote but in his travels as Imperial Potentate in 1919 and 1920 he covered more than 150,000 miles, managing to visit most of the 146 Temples and to continue his campaign for a Shrine philanthropy.

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The climax came at the June, 1920 Imperial Session in Portland, Oregon. Kendrick changed his resolution to one establishing the "Shriners Hospital For Crippled Children." The vote of approval was unanimous and the work began to determine the site and personnel.

The committee in charge of this process went through long months of work and research, and debate, and reached the conclusion that there should not be just one hospital but a network of hospitals throughout North America. They brought their proposal to the 1921 Imperial Session in Des Moines, Iowa and it passed.

Before the June, 1922 session, the cornerstone had been laid for the first Shriners Hospital For Crippled Children in Shreveport, Louisiana. The rules for this, and the other Shriners Hospitals were simple: To be admitted, a child must be from a family unable to pay for the orthopedic treatment received, they must be under 14 years of age (later changed to

15½) and must be, in the opinion of the surgeons, someone whose condition could be cured or substantially improved.

In 1923, three more hospitals opened: one each in Minneapolis, San Francisco and Honolulu. Units were opened in Spokane, St. Louis and Portland in 1924. In 1925: Winnipeg, Salt Lake City, Montreal and Springfield, Mass. In 1926: Chicago, Lexington and Philadelphia. In 1927: Greenville, N.C. and Erie. Three more orthopedic hospitals would be opened later: Mexico City, 1945, and Houston and Los Angeles, 1952.

The Shriners had founded "The World's Greatest Philanthropy" which, from 1922 on, has been considered "the heart of the Shrine", as integral part of being a Shriner as the red fez, conventions, parades and circuses for which they were already famous. The Shriners Hospitals were and are financed by an annual assessment on each member, fund raising activities from each Temple and contributions from Shriners and non-Shriners to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children Endowment Fund.

As the hospital network continued to grow, not only in size but in excellence, the fraternal affairs continued in the grand tradition.

In 1923 there was a Shriner in the White House and Noble (Shriner) President William A. Harding reviewed the Shriners parade at their 1923 Imperial Session in Washington, D.C.

The East/West Shrine College All Star Football Game was established in 1925 in San Francisco with the motto: "Strong Legs Run That Weak Legs May Walk".

The 1930 Imperial Session was to be held in Toronto. For "his" session, Imperial Potentate Leo V. Youngworth wanted something special. With the appropriate approval, the leader of 600,000 Shriners commissioned a peace monument to be built in Toronto. It was to face south, commemorating 150 years of friendship between the United States and Canada. It stands today, having been relocated and rededicated outside the National Exposition grounds in Toronto during the 1962 Imperial Session. The plaque reads: "Erected and dedicated to the cause of universal peace by the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America June 12, 1930."

The 1930 Session was the Shrine's own antidote to the pervasive gloom of the Great Depression. But it was only temporary. No one, not even Shriners, escaped the Depression and for the first time in its history the Shrine began to lose members. The Nobles just couldn't pay their dues. The struggle to keep the hospitals, and the fraternity, going during these years was enourmous. It was necessary to dip into the Endowment Fund capital. To insure the financial distinction between the hospitals and the fraternity a corporation for each was established in 1937.

The Shrine and its hospitals survived the Depression. By 1942 membership gains were recorded again and since that date there has been steady growth at the rate of about 1% a year.

With the entry of the United States into World War II the economy turned upward and men found renewed interest in fraternalism. Like the rest of North America, the Shrine adjusted to wartime existence. Imperial Sessions were limited to business only and attended only by official Temple representatives. Shrine parade units stayed at home and marched in local

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patriotic parades. In the course of four years of war, more than a billion dollars was invested by and through the Shrine in government war bonds. The hospitals corporation also invested all of its available funds in government securities.

Alfred G. Arvold was elected Imperial Potentate in 1944 and became the only Shrine head in history who had no Imperial Session over which to preside. Only national Shrine officers and hospital trustees gathered in Chicago in 1945. Arvold made an impact in spite of the lack of a convention. It was he who initiated, designed and made real his personal dream of the development of special display rooms in the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Many millions of visitors have since seen those Memorial Shrine Rooms which were refurbished in 1963.

Imp. Potantate Peter Val Preda cheers a child

From a low point of 306,000 members in 1942, Shrine membership had grown to 400,000 by the end of the war. In the next decade alone, it would double in size.

Since 1928, what national Shrine offices there were, operated out of Richmond, Virginia, the home of one of the Imperial Recorders (keeper of records). With the growth of the fraternity, there were increasing pressures to locate Shrine headquarters in some city that would be more convenient for all the Temples. Thus, in 1958, the building at 323 North Michigan Avenue was purchased and today houses administrative personnel, Shrine fraternal and hospital records and the lawyers who watch over the many estates involved in the Shriners Hospitals For Crippled Children Endowment Fund.

During the decade 1950 to 1960, Shriners funds for the care of crippled children increased rapidly. At the same time, the waiting lists of new patients for admission to Shriners Hospitals began to decline due to the impact of the polio vaccine and new antibiotics. Thus, Shriners found themselves able to provide additional services for crippled children and their leaders began to look for unmet needs.

One of the results of the search was the collating of the medical records of the patients of Shriners Hospitals. By placing the records of each patient and treatment on computer cards and microfilm, Shriners made valuable information available to all Shrine surgeons and the medical world as a whole. This process, began in 1959, also made it more possible to initiate clinical research in Shrine Orthopedic units. From a small beginning, orthopedic research projects rose to a cost of

$20,000 in 1967. By 1967 Shriners were spending $320,000 on such projects as finding the genetic cause of crippling diseases and the possible electronic control of cerebral palsy. Shriners project that they will continue to expand their research efforts.

This expansion of orthopedic work was not enough for the Shriners. They had enough money to expand their philanthropic work still more, the only question was what unmet need could they fill and still meet the intent of the original hospital. A special committee set about discovering that need and found it: burns. Severe burns were a major cause of crippling in children and very little was being done to help burn victims.

At the 1962 convention in Toronto this cause was presented to the representatives. Once again, Shriners entered a new field by unanimous vote.

The first of three Shriners Burns Institutes opened in Galveston in 1966. The Cincinnati and Boston Burns Institutes opened in 1968.

The purpose of these institutes is three-fold: to treat severly burned children, to conduct research in better methods of treatment and to teach others in the medical field how to treat the severly burned. With such a purpose, it was natural that each of the three burns centers be established close to and work with outstanding medical schools. It is worth noting that in 1965 only one out of two patients with a 40% burn survived. Today, thanks to Shriners Burns Institutes treatments, patients with as much as 90% burns are being saved.

Over the years, Shriners have spent $75,000,000 in construction costs and approximately $335,000,000 in operating costs for their hospitals. The 1977 operating budget calls for approximately $37,000,000. But, to the Shriners, the most important statistic is that they have cured or substantially helped nearly 200,000 children.

The Shrine is, of course, a fraternity designed to give their members the opportunity for fun and fellowship. In the Sixties and Seventies, however, it has become an increasingly family oriented organization. There are still many men-only activities but Temples now offer more and more activities involving wives and children. Cruises, conventions, picnics, dances, Christmas parties and numerous other social activities are now designed for the whole family.

The Seventies have ushered in other changes and additions. A new Shrine museum, International Shrine Rooms West was dedicated in March 1972 by the then Imperial Potentate C. Victor Thornton. It is located in the north wing of the old

Imp. Potentate Peter Val Preda tours Portland Unit

Shriners Hospital, in San Francisco. At the 1976 Imperial Session in Kansas City, Representatives voted to take the painful step of closing their Winnipeg Hospital, made unnecessary primarily because of Canada's socialized medicine program. The Montreal Unit will remain because of the extensive research program going on there. The future may hold further closings and/or consolidations of Shrine hospitals but the program of serving the children who might not otherwise be helped will go on. Shriners have adapted to changes before and will do so again. Current projections find that Shriners will probably be doing more and more specialized research. A committee of experts was formed at the close of 1976 for the express purpose of determining the direction of a research program expanded to three to four times the current size.

The goal of all this is, in a way, to put themselves out of business -- by insuring that each child enters the game of life with the best equipment possible.

Shriners do more than finance these hospitals. They work with the hospital staffs making sure that transportation needs and related family problems are met. And with their clowns and many red-fezed volunteers, Shriners work to make sure that their Hospitals are as happy as it is possible for Hospitals to be.

As of January 1, 1977 Shrine membership stood at 937,712 and is still growing. It would seem, then, that this history of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America has only just begun.

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FACTS AND FIGURES THROUGH DECEMBER, 1976

As Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children enter their 55th year, they do so with the knowledge that they have cured or substantially helped nearly 200,000 children.

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Since Shriners Hospitals were established, a total of approximately $335,000,000 has been spent by the Shriners for operating all 22 Shriners Hospitals. The Shriners have spent $75,000,000 in construction costs. The current operating budget for Shriners Hospitals is approximately $37,000,000.

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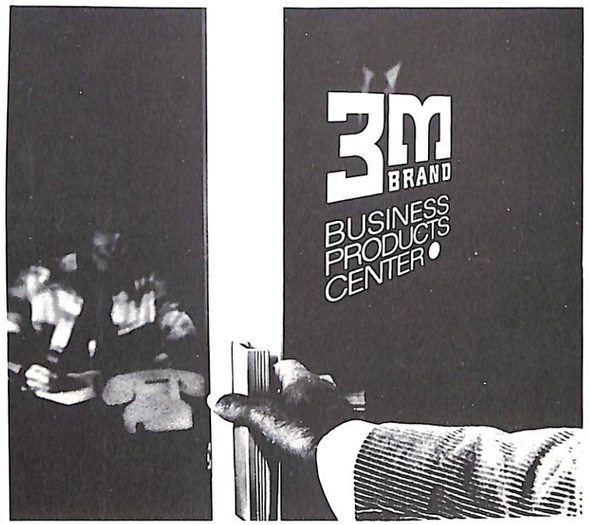

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As a former patient of a Shriners Hospital I feel that you would be interested in the story of my experiences with Shriners.

I was born in South America in a city in Brazil of parents of Portuguese descent. When I was only a very small child I became afflicted with Polio, the aftereffects of which seem to dictate that I was to be a cripple for life. It must be remembered that in those early days very little was offered in the way of encouragement for one so afflicted. My parents spent everything they could earn and tried every place in South America they ever heard of to get help and treatment for me. My father was in Y.M.C.A. work in Brazil and it was quite by chance that a new Director assigned to our area was familiar with the great successes enjoyed in the work for crippled children by the Shriners in the United States. He interested himself in my problems and because of the glowing reports he gave my parents, they agreed that if it could be worked out, I should go to a Shrine Hospital for treatment. All the forces were working in my favor because, through friends, of this Y.M.C.A. Director, all the obstacles were overcome and I eventually checked in at the Philadelphia Unit for care and treatment. At this time the Y.M.C.A. sent my father to Philadelphia for graduate work in Y.M.C.A. procedures and together my father and I studied our English lessons at my bedside in the Philadelphia Shrine Hospital. After many months and many operations I was discharged from the Shriners Hospital able to walk and even able to ride a bicycle. I returned home to Brazil to finish my schooling which included pre-dental courses at college. My ambition was to become a dentist.

Through the help of my Shrine friends I was able to enjoy my return to the States where I completed my scholarship in Dentistry at the Eastern Dental Clinic in Rochester, New York.

I was especially happy in that I was able to get a similar scholarship for my fiance who also came from Brazil. Upon his arrival in Rochester we were married and completed our courses together. After our studies were completed we returned to our home city in Brazil where we now have our own dental practice together.

I often think back on my early life, my stay at the Shriners Hospital and all the many fine things I have enjoyed through the abundant courtesies of the Red Fez Wearers. I am well and able to meet life's challenges, am happily married, and have a brilliant future before me. This is happiness beyond measure. All of this wonderful future makes me appreciate more than ever the work of the Shriners. I shall be eternally grateful to all of you for taking me in and giving me the chance I longed for so much and was so afraid to hope for. May God ever bless the Shriners and their great work for the underprivileged crippled children of the world.

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